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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Manfred Eimer, ACDA

1. On 13 December, Manfred Eimer of ACDA visited me. We had a lengthy discussion of topics of interest to CIA. First, Eimer conceded that there was a split within the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency over what their relationship should be to the intelligence community. Eimer and his boss, Amrom Katz, feel that ACDA should be a formal member of the intelligence community. Another faction within ACDA, headed by Sid Graybeal, disagrees with this. Relationships between the two factions appear to have gotten somewhat poisonous. For example, Eimer complained about certain community documents which he and Katz should have received but never got, because of an "oversight" by the other faction.

2. Eimer and Katz intend to try to persuade Mr. Ikle, the head of ACDA, to do three things, as follows:

a. Have ACDA accepted formally as a member of the USIB. (Eimer's view is that ACDA should be a participant in USIB affairs similar to the way AEC now participates. ACDA would provide representation only on those committees of the USIB which impacted directly on their concerns.)

b. Have ACDA participate in the EXCOM process. (Not as a voting member, but as a non-voting participant in the same way that NSA is, for example.)

c. Set up a high-level scientific advisory committee to ACDA in place of the presently moribund General Advisory Committee. (The sort

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of people Eimer has in mind are individuals like Bill Perry, Dick Garwin, Dick Latter, and so on. Aside from getting advice, Eimer and Katz would expect to use their committee to find out what is going on in the other scientific committees in town.

3. Eimer didn't tell me how he proposes to accomplish the above goals. Perhaps his approach to me was a sort of trial balloon. If so, I think I punctured it. I told him that I tended to agree with the Graybeal faction. However I conceded I could understand his and Katz's position, too, but that his program was too ambitious. As a practical matter, ACDA has neither the budget nor the people to become an equal partner in the intelligence community, and they shouldn't try.

4. Finally, Eimer stated that Ikle wants to take an independent position at the next Verification Panel meeting. Evidently the strategy will be to have Ikle disagree with Carl Duckett on questions having to do with the capability to verify a MIRV ban. Accordingly, Ikle is going to want to get together with Carl Duckett a few days before the next Verification Panel meeting. The purpose of this meeting would be to crystallize differences between ACDA and CIA on verification issues. I told Eimer I would pass these thoughts along to Mr. Duckett. I also assured Eimer that I would see to it that ACDA was advised of the results of the latest study of MIRV ban verifiability as soon as they were available.



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